



## July - September, 2012



### LOUISIANA ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY ACCREDITATION PROGRAM (LELAP) UPDATE AND NEWS

**LELAP OUTREACH UPDATE**— The LELAP EnviroSchool classes are delayed until further notice because of Hurricane Isaac. Suggestions for the curriculum are welcome.

**LELAP REGULATIONS UPDATE**— The public comments period of the regulations update will be scheduled for early 2013.

**LELAP INTERPRETATIONS**— Please see the [LELAP Interpretations](#) on our webpage.

#### OTHER BUSINESS:

**TNI EVALUATION** — The TNI evaluators will perform an on-site evaluation for LELAP in November, 2012.

#### TNI TRAINING CLASSES—

**BASIC ASSESSOR TRAINING COURSE** — Kansas City; November 27-29. Fee: \$650 government employees; \$850 Non-government. Registration Link: <http://www.regonline.com/asikansas>

**OTHER WEB TRAINING CLASSES**, please go to <http://www.nelac-institute.org/eds-home.php>

### CLEAN WATER ACT METHOD UPDATE RULE (MUR)

The deadline for laboratories to comply with the MUR is June 18, 2014.

#### CLARIFICATION ISSUES

**HYDROGEN AS A CARRIER GAS** — EPA has approved replacing helium with hydrogen as a carrier gas for GC if the change of carrier gas meets or exceeds the method QC acceptance criteria. The flexibility was written in CFR Part 136.6.

**INITIAL APPLICATION** — The initial application must include PTs or analytical data packages (ADPs) and a check for \$660 payable to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality.

**STACK TESTERS** — The stack testers are required to submit ADPs for the discreet sample analyses biannually.

**CHANGES OF THE LABORATORY** — Laboratories with any changes, includes ownership, name, location and key personnel, must inform LELAP in writing within thirty days of the change.

**LELAP DOCUMENTS** — The scopes, certificates and other documents of laboratories are published in the LDEQ EDMS.

**NEFAP ACCREDITATION** — LELAP will review the accreditation process of NEFAP prior to making a decision to recognize NEFAP accreditation. Currently there are no recognized NEFAP accreditation bodies and no facilities accredited by the 2009 TNI standard, Field Sampling and Measurement Organization Sector.

**LELAP STATISTICS:** In-state accredited labs— 48; Out-of-state accredited labs — 156

**PLEASE CONTACT THE LELAP STAFF IF YOUR LABORATORY NEEDS ANY ASSISTANCE. [CLICK HERE TO OBTAIN THE LELAP CONTACT INFORMATION](#)**

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